

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 319**  
**Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Individuals At Least 75 Years Old**  
**(Diamond Income Reduction Act)**

What a relief this would be!

At this time (I'm 83), I am not having major problems, but I will speak for others - namely, my sister who is 77 and her husband who is 80. They are faced with medical expenses they were not expecting: gasoline to doctor visits several times a week when my sister is able to drive, taxi service when she is not able because her husband is no longer able to drive, prescriptions, insurance co pays, hospital stays, and an ambulance service.

The new townhouse they bought 50 years ago requires repair. The appliances need replacement. This can be expected, but the medical related expenses were not expected to this degree.

Giving tax relief would certainly be a gift.

I thank the Senators who understand the problems older people are facing and ask that they give this Bill a favorable vote. Thank you.

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